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COPENHAGEN TAKE AS ACTION AND PASS TO AMBASSADORS BENNETT AND KOMER; DASD SIENA; USNATO DEFAD LEGERE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: DPC MEETING ON PRESENTATIONAL ASPECTS OF LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM

1. WE LEARNED TODAY THAT THE PRIVATE OFFICE WAS PREPARING TO SCHEDULE A DPC MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 21, FOLLOWING THE NAC MEETING ON MBFR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING "THE PRESENTATIONAL ASPECTS" OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP).

2. THE CHARGE INTERVENED IMMEDIATELY WITH ACTING SYG PETRIGNANI, POINTING OUT THAT SUCH A DISCUSSION WOULD BE PREMATURE WITH EWG STILL MEETING ON LTDP AND BEFORE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUMMIT ARE PINNED DOWN A LITTLE BETTER.
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FURTHER, A DPC MEETING ON THE 21ST WOULD EAT INTO THE TIME AVAILABLE THAT DAY FOR THE EWG TO COMPLETE ACTION ON THE REPORT IT WILL SEND TO PERMREPS. PETRIGNANI AGREED, AND COMMENTED THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO SCHEDULE DPC DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF THE LTDP FOR TUESDAY APRIL 25 OR ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 26 AFTER THE PRIVATE MEETING ON THE SUMMIT NOW SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY.

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3. COMMENT: WE REPORT THIS DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO GIVE WASHINGTON AS MUCH WARNING OF THE IMPENDING DISCUSSION AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AT THIS END, TRYING TO FIND OUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN ON WHAT KIND OF DISCUSSION THE PRIVATE OFFICE ENVISAGES. END COMMENT. GLITMAN

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